

## HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MARCH 4, 2008

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met March 4, 2008, by published call in the County Board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bud Jeffries.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Robert Rye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Robert Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, Robert Rye and Daniel Wagoner. Also present was Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING LAW - Chairman Jeffries read the notice of open meeting law.

CONSENT AGENDA – Rye made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Placed on file the minutes of the February 19, 2008 meeting
2. 9 Placed on file the Hall County Keno Financial Report for quarter ending December 31, 2007
3. 10 Approved the manager's license for Chris Flohr for Bosselman Inc. DBA Wood River Truck Plaza
4. 11 Approved the bi weekly pay claims
5. 12 Placed on file communications from Regional Planning
6. 13 Placed on file the office report from the Hall County Attorney
7. 14 Placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
8. 15 Placed on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9:05 a.m. Held a Board of Equalization meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS 9:30 A.M. BID OPENING ANNUAL GRAVEL BIDS – The following bids were received:

BIDDER	PROJECT #1	PROJECT #2	PROJECT #3	STOCKPILE A	STOCKPILE B	PIT PRICE
Lilly Sand & Gravel NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$6.75
CENTRAL SAND & GRAVEL NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$8.30
CONSOLIDATED CONCRETE NO BID	\$42,330.00	\$34,445.00	\$38,307.50	\$39,380.00	NONE	
HOOVER BROTHER \$26,453.93	NO BID	\$45,875.03	\$43,697.50	\$46,024.00	\$5.50	
BRUNER'S SAND & GRAVEL NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID		
ISLAND LANDHANDLERS NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$5.50	
TRI-COUNTY SAND & GRAVEL NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$8.00	
MID-NE AGGREGATE NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	

Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to refer the bids to the Public Works Director and the committee to review and they will come back with a recommendation today. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – DISCUSSION REGARDING GENERAL ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES – Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham was present and she stated that the general assistance guidelines need to remain the same but the dollar amounts that the county pays for the various services need to be addressed. These have not been changed since 1986. She suggested that a committee could be appointed to address these issues.

Chairman Jeffries stated that he will appoint a committee in the next few days and he asked if Mr. Naranjo and Mr. Aphel would serve on the committee. A representative from Westlawn was also present and asked to be included on the committee.

Health and Human Services representative June Oliphant was present and asked that the committee also address the income level and the rental reimbursement rates when they address the burial costs. She noted that the costs paid for the county burials have varied because the guidelines for costs are inconsistent and have not been updated.

Mr. Naranjo stated that the costs should be a consensus from the other funeral directors and they should be addressed every two years.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Jeffries called for public participation and no one responded.

County Assessor Jan Pelland requested to address the board regarding the dates that they set for the 2008 formal hearing. She noted that there are only 13 hours set for the formal hearing and stated that these dates are noted on the appointment cards that are handed out to the public when they file a protest at the County Clerk's office. The board members agreed that when necessary they will stay until all of the people present are taken care of.

7 DISCUSSION ON CLOSED RAILROAD CROSSING AT SHADY BEND ROAD AND UNION PACIFIC TRACT – County Surveyor Casey Sherlock was present and stated that this crossing had been closed for about 6 weeks he was told that it would be closed for 3 days. There were some complaints and problems with the rural residents when they had to use Highway 30. He called the railroad and they have now completed the project and the crossing has been opened.

10:00 a.m. Held a Board of Corrections meeting.

8 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON LEGISLATIVE BILLS – Discussion was held on LB 1078 that addresses maintenance of remote roads. This will be added to the list of bills to watch.

LB 371 addresses the county match for county retirement and this one will also be watched. This would impact the county's budget.

LB 963 regarding verification of legal status was killed. Stacey noted that several bills have been killed or postponed indefinitely.

Eriksen made a motion and Wagoner seconded to support LB1078 regarding the road reclassification on remote roads. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Arnold noted that LB 371 also addressed the retirement age change from 55 to 50.

Unless the bills are priority bills they will probable not advance this year.

Lancaster also noted LB 772 that addresses courthouse security being transferred to the State Patrol.

1A DISUCSS AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BRAD KROEGER FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT SECTION 21-10-9 – Eriksen stated that this is a piece of property south of the interstate that does not have access to it. Mr. Kroeger has farmed this property for the last 7 or 8 years. He stated that it would be prudent to have a signed lease agreement with Mr. Kroeger.

Deputy County Michelle Oldham stated that there is not a lease agreement but instead there was a letter stating the facts and this is what was used in the past. The rate of the rent was set at \$4,000.00 annually with the payments due May 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion was held by the public works committee and they felt that the road was needed. Mr. Kroeger has property adjacent to this property and the proposal in the 1 & 6 Road Program was to make access to his property and them Mr. Kroeger would give the county an easement to our property.

Lancaster suggested that if the land is not sold there should be a long term agreement. Discussion was held and Jeffries agreed that a long term agreement would be best.

Eriksen stated that they need to work on a long term agreement but at this time a year to year agreement may be the best.

Eriksen made a motion and Wagoner seconded to approve the agreement with Brad Kroeger and authorize the Chair to sign. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Chairman Jeffries called for a break for the public works committee to review the gravel bids.

Returned to session. The committee reviewed the bids. Wagoner made a motion and Eriksen seconded to award the following bids:

Project #1	Hooker Brother	\$26,453.93	Total \$26,453.93
Project #2	Consolidated Concrete	\$42,330.00	
Project #3	Consolidated concrete	\$34,445.00	
Stockpile A	Consolidated Concrete	\$38,307.50	
Stockpile B	Consolidated concrete	\$39,380.00	Total \$154,462.50

Accepted all pit prices.

Hooker Brother	\$5.50 ton
Central Sand	\$8.30 yard
Island Land handlers	\$5.50 ton
Tri County Sand & Gravel	\$8.00 yard
Lilley Sand & Gravel	\$6.75 yard

Mr. Sherlock stated that they talked to Bruner's because this bid was received late but he only bid on the pit prices and not on any of the project. Casey stated that they may still use him for the pit prices.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – Lancaster stated that the audit committee met and there is information in the boxes and they will have another meeting at the end of the month.

Jeffries stated that he appreciates the minutes from the committee meetings.

Wagoner questioned if any of the Courthouse remodeling is going to use grant dollars if so there are restrictions regarding remodeling on historical buildings.

Arnold stated that there are minutes from the corrections steering committee. Some of the sergeants were sent for training and they made a report to the committee. They are looking at having some of the training locally. He also reported that the County has mug shot of inmates on the computer since 1996 and they provide some of this information to the Nebraska Crime Commission.

Jeffries stated that he received a letter from the Public Defender stating that the Supreme Court is reviewing attorneys fees.

NEW OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Wagoner reported that the historical society will be holding a program on The Cornhusker Army Ammunition Center on Sunday.

Meeting recessed for the jail tour. Members attending the jail tour are Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner.

The next meeting will be March 18, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

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Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk